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Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RE: UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**

<b>Serial No.:</b>	<b>10/617,354</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>VARIABLE VENTURI</b>
<b>Inventors:</b>	<b>MARATHE et al.</b>
<b>Filing Date:</b>	<b>July 11, 2003</b>
<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>SOTELO, Jesus D.</b>
<b>Art Unit:</b>	<b>3617</b>
<b>Confirmation #:</b>	<b>1531</b>
<b>Our Ref.:</b>	<b>RP-00172-US2</b>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004, the date for which a response is due on September 30, 2004, with a two-month extension of time, please amend the above identified application as follows: